



Nursery News January 2024

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to everyone for another busy term.

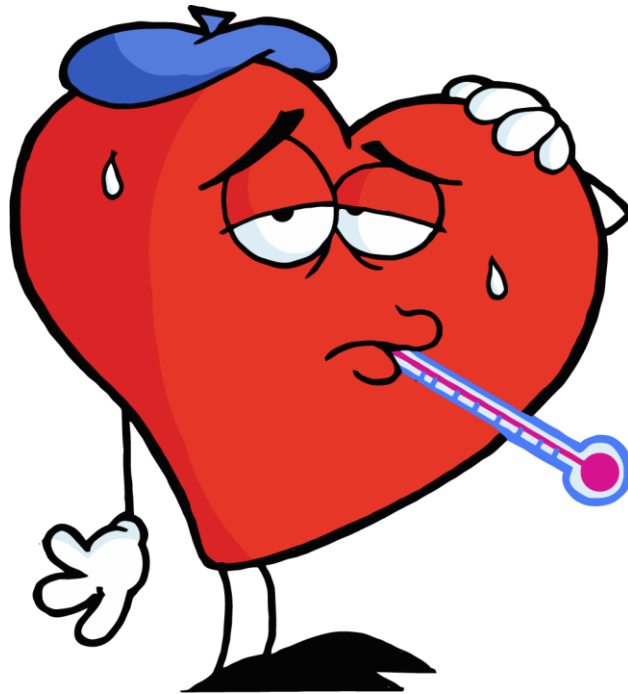
Applications for Primary One and Nursery will go live on Tuesday 9th January. Please visit www.eani.org.uk/admissions to apply for your Nursery or Primary School place.

Monthly Topic will be Winter and Space

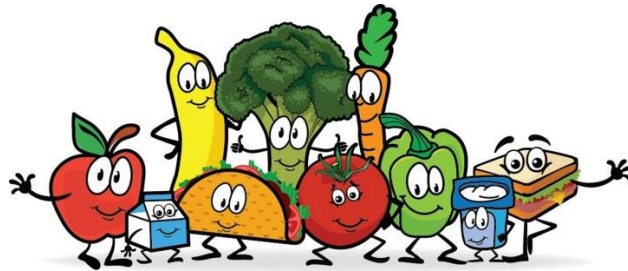
We will be discussing daily weather conditions, appropriate clothing, snowmen, life in Polar Lands and caring for the birds in Winter. In our creative work we will be focusing on 'cold' colours. The children will be talking about Space and we will be encouraging them to become more curious about planets.

Can parents/guardians please be mindful of the foyer area in the morning. We aim to keep the children calm for the start of the school day and when they are excited in the foyer area this carries over into the classroom. Thank you for your co-operation.

If we experience severe weather conditions and need to close nursery, we will advise you via Seesaw as soon as possible.



We remind parents that if your child has a high temperature or has had diarrhea/vomiting, infectious diseases he/she must be kept at home for 48 hours to minimize the spread of infection within the nursery. Your child will be sent home if they are unwell.



School Dinners

Dinners must be paid a week in advance or your child can not have dinners in school - no exceptions, you will need to make arrangements for your child to be collected from nursery at 12 noon.

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

	1 st – 5 th January	8 th – 12 th January	15 th – 19 th January	22 nd – 25 th January
MONDAY	Nursery Closed for Christmas Holidays	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers, Beans & Chips ***** Artic Roll & Peaches	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers, Beans & Chips ***** Homemade Ginger Biscuit & Fruit	Hot Dog, Chips & Baked Beans ***** Fresh Fruit & Biscuit
TUESDAY	Nursery Closed for Christmas Holidays	Chicken Curry, Steamed Rice Naan Bread & Sweetcorn ***** Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard	Roast Turkey, Mash & Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy ***** Ice Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce	Savoury Mince, Mashed Potatoes, & Carrots ***** Banana Yoghurt Pot
WEDNESDAY	Nursery Closed for Christmas Holidays	Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower Cheese, Parsnips, Carrots & Gravy ***** Wedges of Watermelon	Chicken Curry, Steamed Rice Peas & Naan Bread ***** Cornflake Tart & Custard	Margherita Pizza, Salad, Chips & Coleslaw ***** Chocolate Sponge & Custard
THURSDAY	Nursery Closed for Staff Development Day	Italian Beef Bolognese, Crusty Bread & Sweetcorn ***** Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard	Nursery Closed Due to Teacher's Strike No dinners will be served	Chicken Curry, Steamed Rice Sweetcorn & Naan Bread ***** Chocolate Sponge & Custard
FRIDAY	Sausage Roll, Spaghetti Hoops & Chips ***** Ice Cream, Sliced Pears & Chocolate Sauce	Pork Sausages, Chips & Spaghetti Hoops ***** Decorated Fairy Cake	Cheese, Tomato & Pepperoni Pizza, Sweetcorn, Chips & Coleslaw ***** Jelly & Mandarin Orange	Gammon, Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Parsnips, Carrots & Gravy ***** Jelly, Ice Cream & Fruit



Safeguarding Team

- Mrs Pollock Designated Teacher
- Miss Cowan Deputy Designated Teacher
- Mrs Ball Chair of Governors
- Mrs Magee Governor for Child Protection

STORY SACKS!

Story sacks are part of our Big Bed Time Read programme. Every Wednesday one of our grandparents has kindly volunteered to help us.

She will give a story sack to any parents who would like one. A story sack has 3 books in it you can share with your child. You return it the next Wednesday in order to receive another one. This is to encourage reading and sharing books at home. There is no pressure to take part if you don't wish to. Happy reading 📖

FAQ...

Where do I get a story sack?

Every Wednesday afternoon in the nursery foyer. Story sacks will be signed out and noted when they are returned before you receive a new bag.

How many books are in each bag?

Three books. Please ensure to return all 3 and if any are missing let us know so we can replace it.

Do I have to take a story sack each week?

No, it's parental choice of how often they wish to take one.

Where do I leave my story sack back on the Wednesday?

In the basket in the foyer just pop it in there and we will know you have returned it as each bag is numbered.

Please return Story Sacks on a Wednesday morning and a new one will be issued by Pam (Zach's granny) on a Wednesday afternoon. A new story sack will not be issued until your previous one is returned.



- **Thursday 4th January** - Staff Development Day. No children to attend nursery.
- **Friday 5th January** - School returns after the Christmas Break.
- **Tuesday 9th January** - School portal opens for Nursery and Primary School applications.
- **Week Beginning Monday 22nd January** - Play and Stay Week. Please sign up in your child's cloakroom.
- **Friday 26th January** - School portal closes at 12 noon.
- **Friday 9th February** - Nursery closes at 11:30am for the Half Term Break.
- **Monday 12th February** - Staff Development Day. No children attend nursery.
- **Tuesday 13th - Friday 16th February** - School closed for Half Term Break
- **Monday 19th February** - School returns after the half term Break.

Home School Links



In nursery we will be discussing the weather in Winter and its impact on people and animals. In school we will be making bird cake to feed the birds. We will be watching to see the different types of birds who visit our nursery garden.

At home, your child could make an apple birdfeeder.

You will need :

- 1 apple
- Bird seed
- 3 sticks
- String

Instructions

1. Remove the core from your apple
2. Push the bird seed into the top half of the apple
3. Push two sticks into either side of the apple, near the bottom, for the birds to sit on
4. Tie string around the last stick and thread the string through the apple core
5. The apple should sit on the stick and you can tie the apple to a tree in the garden